

Serial No. unknown
Preliminary Amendment dated March 16, 2006

Remarks

Claims 1-6 are in the case and presented for consideration.

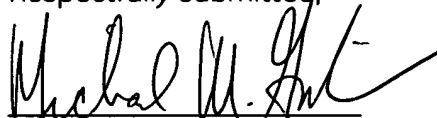
The claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies and avoid additional fees therefor.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned if there are any remaining issues which can be resolved by telephonic communication.

No new matter is introduced by any of the presented claim amendments.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael M. Gribus", written over a horizontal line.

Michael M. Gribus
Reg. No. 38,162
Global Patent Counsel
General Electric Co.

(203) 761-1985

Dated: March 16, 2006

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.
Global Patent Operation
187 Danbury Road, Suite 204
Wilton, CT 06897-4122